

CLONGUISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Each morning- 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Vincent and Anna Rose Reilly 10.30am. No special intension*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *Shane Brennan/ Peter Watters/ Daniel Hopkins*

10.30am: *No special intension.*

Rest in Peace: *Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of Tom Curry, Fermanagh, father of Ursula Coppinger, Lamagh, whose funeral took during the week. May he Rest in Peace.*

Last weekend Collection: €1,243. **Thank you.**

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: *Anne McCann 10.30am. Patricia Keenan*

E.Ms. Vigil: *James Quinn 10.30am. Michelle Ghee*

Feast Days

May 10th

Blessed Damien of Molokai

Blessed Damien, a Belgian native, devoted his life to caring for the lepers on the island of Molokai in the Hawaiian Islands.

May 13th

Our Lady of Fatima

This year is the centenary of apparitions of Our Lady to three children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco at Fatima, Portugal. The first of many apparitions happened on the thirteenth of May 1917. The final one was on the thirteenth of October that same year. Our Lady asked the children to pray the Rosary for world peace.

Knock 2017

The Knock schedule of events for 2017 is on the notice board (side door) Read also about the **free counselling** service on offer at Knock Shrine.

The Good Shepherd

In today's gospel and in the psalm, we meet a way of talking about God that is very familiar to Christians and Jews: he is described as a **shepherd**, and the people as his **flock**. Shepherds are familiar figures in that part of the Middle East. For us though, pictures of shepherds and sheep don't say much. What is Jesus trying to tell us about himself and God the Father? The shepherd in those days was always on duty, always on the watch, patient, fearless, to keep the sheep from wandering and to protect them from thieves and other dangers.

Jesus was the good shepherd and he laid down his life for us. Those who watch over his followers are called "**pastors**", a latin word meaning "**shepherd**". To be a pastor in our church means to be always on call and ready to serve, to do what Jesus did.- work so that people "might have life and have it more abundantly." **Today is Vocations Sunday.**

Parish Catechist

Dr. Marie Cook from **Maryvale Catholic Institute, Birmingham** will attend a meeting in **St Mel's Pastoral Centre**, (St Mel's College) on Tuesday May 23rd @ 8.00pm. This will be an opportunity for anyone who is considering this ministry to meet the director.

Trocaire

A total of **€5,490** has been forwarded to – Trocaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Lough Derg

The one day retreats start on May 1st. There are 30 dates to chose from. (See side door notice board). The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Thursday June 1st

Longford Community First Responders

Volunteers are needed. Your efforts could save a life. This organization is affiliated to the **National Ambulance Service**. Contact **Tia @ 086 0603875**. Training will be provided.

Clonguish Community Games

The parish Track& Field games will be held on Tuesday next at 6.30pm. Entry fee is only €2 per child. **Please support.**

Blood Donors

Clinic - Longford Arms Hotel on **Tues. Wed. & Thurs.** 4.30- 8.00pm.
Bingo: Today @ 3.00pm in Paddy Joe Murphy Hall. €2,500 in prizes.